

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE:

Extension of Radio Maintenance Contract

MEETING DATE:

April 5, 1995

PREPARED BY:

Assistant City Manager

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council provide staff direction as to whether to renegotiate the contract for radio maintenance or prepare bid

documents for bid advertisement.

BACKGROUND:

Last year we prepared a comprehensive set of specifications for bids for radio maintenance. The bid price for maintenance was more than we were previously paying. Council gave direction to place only police and fire radios and base stations on maintenance contract, which did provide

some significant savings. Council authorized a one year agreement with Motorola for maintenance of radios. This agreement is due to expire on June 30, 1995.

We have two options in this regard; 1) we can attempt to negotiate an extension of that bid with Motorola for another year or two at the same price, or 2) we can again solicit bids for maintenance. Staff time required to prepare bid specifications and evaluate them will exceed 16 hours, with the process generating additional expense. It is questionable whether or not we can achieve significant savings by again soliciting bids. Staff requests Council direction in which way to approach this matter.

FUNDING:

None Required.

Respectfully submitted,

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